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that's wrong. We need to find some way that when you make money you pay on what you make. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to support the motion to place LB 1063 on General File and there's a number of points I would like to try and cover. First, I would say is that as of now LB 1120 and 1063 have two basic fundamental differences. And we think...I think we need probably those two basic differences to work with. And those basic differences, of course, is, one, LB 1120 would exempt all personal property and raise whatever method of additional revenue to replace local government, so that 100 million, that ninety-so million of that being raised from business equipment prior to last year is not shifted to the citizens generally or shifted to sales and income tax in some form. And the basic provision of 1063 is that you establish two kinds of personal property, depreciable and nondepreciable, that you do not have the problem of a distribution formula for sending money back to local government, and, very frankly, under those...that...either of those, rather of LB 1120, when you get the schools, if you don't get equalization aid, you get nothing. And that is more likely to adversely affect agriculture than anything else. I think we need two bills for those basic different fundamental approaches to be...to be working with. Senator Lamb inquired whether I would support something on exemption of sales tax on farm equipment. I answered the question saying I had voted that way in the 3-R. I can state that I have at least three different amendments drafted that addresses that issue. There is a balancing issue that has to be looked at in this overall issue and that's the impact on the General Fund because anything that we do that reduces that revenue needs to be made up somewhere else. Those of you, when we get to budget issues later on, fully know that next year we are faced with significant, substantial budget problems and that has to be taken into account as well. The bottom line, however, with all this, to me, is one that I will say and repeat, and repeat again, and that is that if anything is going to be devastating to agriculture and to the economy of the state as a whole is to have implementing legislation which will result in a constitutional amendment not being adopted, whether it be May, hopefully, in May, that it will be on the ballot. But if that happens, if that happens, then, in my opinion, then the devastation that you are talking about, in effect, will occur,